

# Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Panico Oversee Demolition of “Zombie House” in Manorville

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**Farmingville, NY** – On June 1, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Dan Panico were on-hand for the demolition of a “zombie house” located at 28 Carol Avenue in Manorville. The house, which had been vacant for more than seven years, was the source of resident complaints leading to numerous Town of Brookhaven housing code violations. The property will be cleared of debris and graded by the Town. The house was demolished by the Town’s Department of Waste Management in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code which provides a “fast track” to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. The cost of demolition and debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner, and the Town places a lien on the property that is then placed on the tax bill. The County

reimburses the Town and then they collect the money from the property owner.

Supervisor Romaine said, “When a house is allowed to deteriorate, it has a negative impact on every family in the neighborhood. The residents on Carol Avenue have been waiting a long time for this eyesore to be removed and I thank the Town Law, Building and Waste Management Departments for their efforts to help clean up this neighborhood.”

“This unsafe structure will no longer cast a shadow on this beautiful community,” said Councilman Panico. “It is the latest to be demolished as part of the most aggressive crack down of derelict houses in Brookhaven’s history.”

Pictured front row are Councilman Panico and Supervisor Romaine, and in the back row are Vincent Guarino and Charles Chierchio from the Town’s Department of Waste Management.

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